



Richard J. Berry, Mayor

# GABAC



**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2016

## **Members Present**

Scott Hale, Chair  
Moises Gonzalez  
Dan Majewski

Ed Hillsman  
Scot Key

## **Staff Present**

Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Gabriel Boyle, COA-DMD  
Debbie Bauman, COA-DMD  
Carrie Barkhurst, COA Planning Department  
Hugh Hulse, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Andrew Varoz, COA-DMD  
Josef Jansen, COA-DMD  
Margaret Haynes, NMDOT-District 3  
John MacKenzie, COA-DMD  
Julie Luna, MRCOG

## **Members Absent**

Larry Gilbert  
Doug Stiebler  
Mark Aasmundstad

## **Guests**

John Barncastle  
Victor Jaramillo  
Diane Cress  
Karen Asplin – Parametrix

- **Mr. Hale called the meeting to order** (4:30pm)
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of Agenda**  
**Discussed and approved as amended.**
- **Election of officers**
  - **Scott Hale-** I would like to table this.
- **Chair/Staff Announcements:**
  - Departure of Gabe Boyle. He is moving to another part of the state and has accepted another position. The City and GABAC both acknowledged his contribution and accomplishments during his short tenure with the City and wish him all the best for this future.
- **Approval of February Meeting Minutes**
  - Minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment**
  - **John Barncastle**– Having difficulty accessing agendas and meeting minutes for this committee on line. Debbie and Scott have been helpful but there are still issues with the link
- **Presentation on OMA**
  - No one from City legal is here.
- **Fair Heights Bike Boulevard and Intersection of San Mateo and Mountain – Karen Asplin, Parametrix**
  - Looking at San Mateo crossing. Very high speeds and volumes.
  - Karen – observed lots of gaps in traffic at 9 AM.
  - Dan - Go back at 3 PM, there is far heavier traffic in the afternoon.
  - Scott – why can't we make bike blvd more about business/arterial access vs. an arbitrary mid-block crossing? For example, in this area marble would allow people to access Lomas.
  - Dan – history of FHBB is the neighborhood. It has already been vetted by a lot of orgs.
  - Scott – not vetted by GABAC.
  - GABAC voted unanimously that Option 3, the HAWK signal, would be the preferred option if anything is going to be built.
    - Karen – currently no bike improvements planned for Central/Lomas or Central/Monroe.
    - Dan – we need some sort of bike related improvements to Central/Lomas and Central/Monroe, bike detector loops for example.
    - Scott – what level of bike blvd is this going to be? How do we get enough time to process and study this in advance?

- Debbie and Andrew V – DMD hasn't been working on this project for awhile. These plans are new to DMD as well. Everyone is being caught up.
- Scott – where is council services?
- Scott – what can we learn from the HAWK on Lomas?
- Dan – Central/Monroe and Lomas/Monroe? Can we get some bike improvements?
- Scott – can we get some coordination? What is budgeted? A bike blvd could really enhance our community and it should.
- DMD - We changed consultants and project managers midway through the project.
- Moises – political will is here so we have to take it battle by battle
  
- **GABAC Reports**
  - **Scott Hale-**
    - **Silver** - we all rode it and saw some weird stuff. Diverters, lighting, Girard issues. Let's think about the network comprehensively! Scot sent comments to Karen.
    - **Lead/Coal** – we've been told it's done but it's not. Why doesn't the buffer go over the entire Lead overpass? Why the deceleration lane?
    - **Advisory boards** – there might be some restructuring and we need to be aware of it.
    - **ART meetings** – there have been several. Lot's of angry dialogue. We need to figure out Buena Vista and Central.
    - **Tramway (up to the Tram)** – BernCo did a resurfacing. Put in some bike lanes but it's high speeds. They are going to add a little buffer. Shoulder or bike lane? Urban or rural?
    - **Rio Grande (RG) from I-40 to Alhambra** – huge complete streets implications. On RG, the existing facilities are listed as 5 ft but they're 3 ft because gutter pan. It's great we have Complete Streets! Let's create some more friction for automobiles, slow them down.
  - **Scot Key**
    - Can Isleta have less bumpy shoulders?
  - Ed
    - Where is our list of signal warrants? Perhaps not warranted for car traffic but might decrease bike accessibility.
  
- **Staff Reports DMD Gabriel Boyle**
  - **Bike map** - GABAC made recommendations. Gabe made a different recommendation. He wanted speeds represented similarly. Instead, kept the same colors and weighted lines based on speed. This is a rough draft. This is probably what goes forward. We WILL have speed classifications on the map. Gabe forwarded map to us.
  - **ART** - we've been going to meetings. Met with Andrew de Garmo to talk about signage. Have to push people off Central and onto bike routes and vice versa. ABQ Ride came up with a sign template. GABAC should be able to weigh in on it. Need that multi modal connection. ABQ Ride received a bike study from MRCOG. Talked about e-lockers. Didn't have a specific budget.
  - **Southern and signage** - talked with Doug about Southern. Unique facility. Sharrows or no? Narrow with no shoulder. Using the sign report that was created, recommended "bikes may use full lane" signs.
  
- Carrie
  - Can we mark where the gates of Kirkland are on the bike map? Communicate to people that they can't bike beyond those gates.

- Gabe
  - The sign report is pretty good.
  - Closure and barricade process: received something but it's not quite done yet.
  - **Bike to Work Day (BTWD)** - Moises and Scot Key came to BTWD meeting and it was great. Found a much more comfortable way to get to Esperanza. Hugh showed him the way. After Southern, prioritize signs getting to and from Esperanza.
  - We (? not sure who said this) would like to do a survey on the map next year. Can we ask the community what they want? Need to know what the public wants.
  - **BTWD new motto:** "Bring a Buddy", perhaps some incentives to do so. Goal is to increase the numbers. Let's hit 1,500 this year. Can GABAC sponsor a location?
  - **Two new BTWD stops:** Tingley beach and the BioPark are sponsoring a spot, doing a raffle for "feeding time with the polar bear".
  - **BTWD, Rio Rancho** - moving a stop to across from Intel.
  - Is Andrew Varoz is going to coordinate this? Gabe will make sure that Scot gets info
  
- **Council Services**
  - Andrew Webb isn't here. They'll follow up on Lead next month.
  
  - Moises
    - **Edo charettee** - completing networks. Adding signalization. Need signals on Lead/Coal on Edith. Really destroyed the neighborhood. Huning Highland trying to get more detail on the ART design through the neighborhood. Pushed for changes on Broadway. Maybe get a parking protected bikeway on Broadway? It's a network of facilities. There will be a bike lane going eastbound but not westbound. Melissa talked about
  
- **Jason Coffey, COA Parks and Recreation**

Reporting from my silo...

  - **Unser Trail** – working on cost estimates from St. Joseph to Dellyne. Big cracks on trail over there. On a list from the maintenance crews. Part of 50 Mile Loop.
  - **Trail evaluation** – still working on contract.
  - **Maintenance workshop** – for internal staff. Talking about native grasses as a weed control strategy? Hopefully an annual meeting. Bringing people together from multiple departments. Maybe we can coordinate.
  - **North Diversion Channel Trail project by UNM** – is complete.
  - **Paseo Del Bosque at Montaña** – gate was removed. Bollards are striped on both sides.
  - **Slope stabilization pilot projects** – looking a couple of locations. Trying to keep the dirt off the trail.
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> phase of bollard project** – keep finding bollards in strange place. Going to keep a rolling order going.
  - Scot Key asked can you have a call out to the community? We can tell you about locations where bollards need to be fixed/removed.
  - Orphan signs too?
  - Jason is working with NMDOT on rail crossing south of El Pueblo to bring rail crossing up to standards
  - Working with MRCOG to get some more permanent bike count locations. Use the counts to influence where improvements are made, how bike plans are implemented.

- Ed - **Multi use path conflicts** - Dan met one of the groups that was involved with one of these. Tourists were looking for a non-existent park. After Ed had passed them, tandem bike came from the opposite direction, yelled out heads up in a tone that implied “you idiots get out of my way I’m going fast”. This happens on all the trails. People on bikes are passing people unsafely. If this keeps happening, you’re going to hear for calls to ban bikes from the Bosque Trail. How do we deal with this? How do we communication to the bike community? Bike forgetting what it’s like to be a vulnerable user.
- **Carrie Barkhurst, COA Planning**
  - **ABC to Z** – planning to zoning. Policy document that guides land use decisions. There’s a draft out that they want to submit at the end of April. Hearing at the beginning of June. **IDO** – almost finished with the second module. Talks about dimensions, access and connectivity, subdivision of land, parking landscaping buffering. Lowering parking requirements in some areas.
  - **DPM** – how can GABAC engage with this process? Going on with less public involvement.
  - Scott - Streets and zoning are inexplicable. What about these “multi modal” corridors? What does that mean? Multimodal corridors – how does the user get there? What does multi modal mean? If you’re not going to add bike/ped improvements, why call them multimodal?

#### **NMDOT- Margaret**

- Received request for bike lane on Carlisle crossing at I-40. There is a 4 ft shoulder there. According to MRCOG long-term bikeway maps, there could be one there. Note from Dan: this request is likely a result of the new SF Brewing/Green Jeans development.
- Annual budget is upgrading guardrail. On NM 313, there are guardrail bulb outs. NMDOT will bring the guardrails up to spec to allow for straight guardrail. Also going to fix the same problem in another area north of there. This is a huge improvement. Apparently, those bulb outs existed due to utility issues so utilities had to be moved.
- El Pueblo railroad crossing – lots of things. Jill met with someone from the NM Touring Society. They decide that they would upgrade / change the signage. Getting better / more intuitive signs. How high will they be? Has to be approved by federal guidelines.
- Scott - Can we get a sign that says “60 degrees” specifically? Also need a stop line in the pavement on the MUP.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2016**